



**Beartooth
Recreational
Trails
Association**

**2020 Virtual
Annual
Meeting**



The Beartooth Recreational Trails Association is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote, develop and maintain trails for nonmotorized recreation and transportation activities in and near Red Lodge, Carbon County, Montana, for the purpose of improving the quality of life and health of both residents and visitors.



What makes up the BRTA?

The Board of Directors and community volunteers who provide leadership through the following committees and events:

Winter Trails Committee & Groomers
Summer Trails Committee
Marketing Committee
Community Bicycle Program
Committee

Oktoberfest
Ski Swap
X Culinary
Mindbender
Backcountry Film Festival
Red Lodge Community Fun Run

The BRTA Board sets a budget every year. The budget drives the work we do to fulfill our mission with leadership from board and volunteers who serve on committees. Rather than membership dues, we rely on donations, events, grants and income generated by the Nordic Center for income. We also depend on volunteerism; it is important that we continue to fill positions on our board and committees.

Committees are open to those interested, we invite you to join us. The BRTA Board currently has 3 openings. We accept applications year-round.

Email beartoothtrails@gmail.com to join a committee or have a board application sent to you.

Current BRTA Board

Terry Jones (President), term expires 2021

Jennifer Drinkwalter (Vice-President), term expires 2021

Bill Foisy (Treasurer), term expires 2022

John Clayton (Secretary), term expires 2021

Tom Kohley, term expires 2021

Les Hedquist, term expires 2021

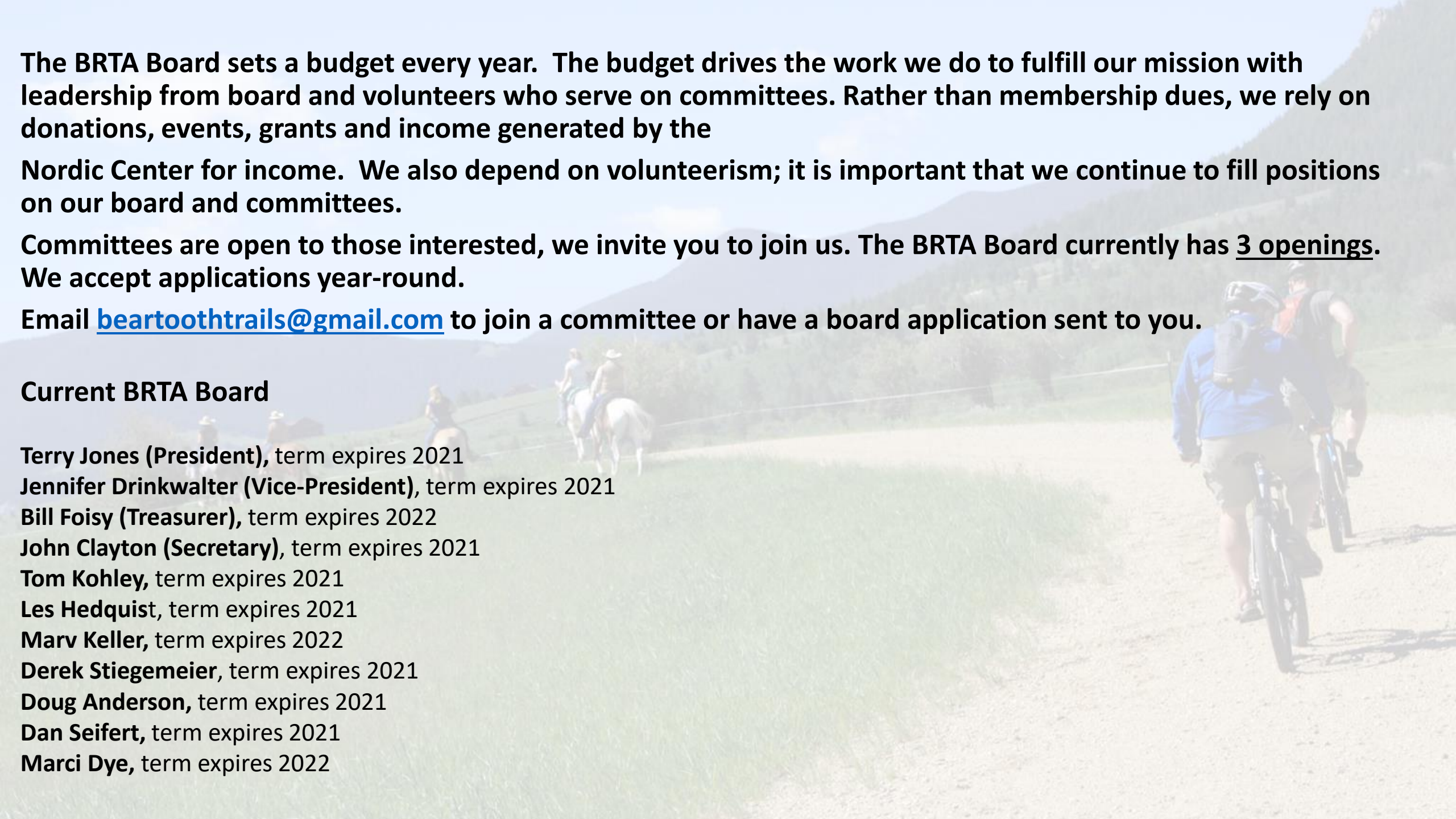
Marv Keller, term expires 2022

Derek Stiegemeier, term expires 2021

Doug Anderson, term expires 2021

Dan Seifert, term expires 2021

Marci Dye, term expires 2022



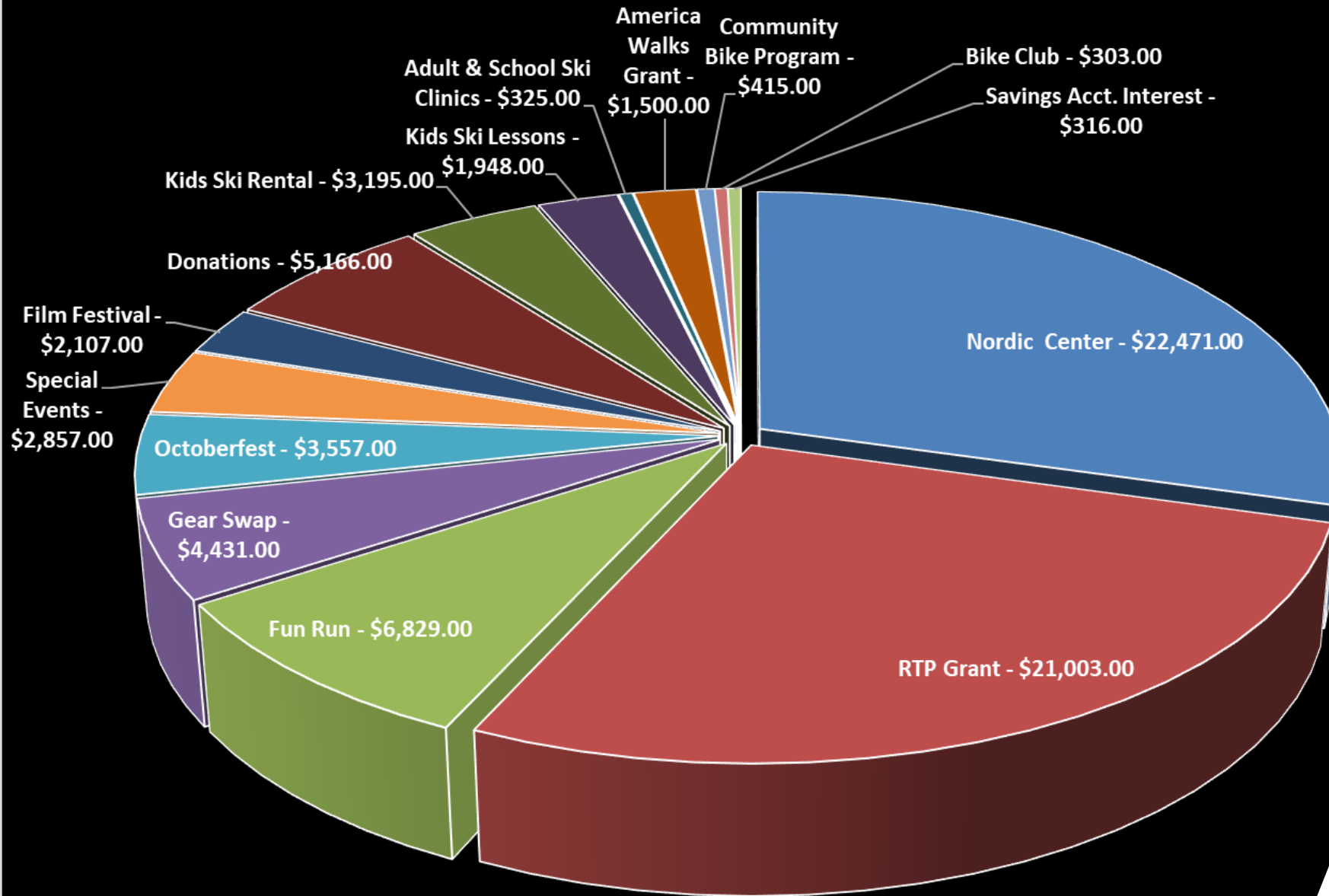


Dollars at work: Finances

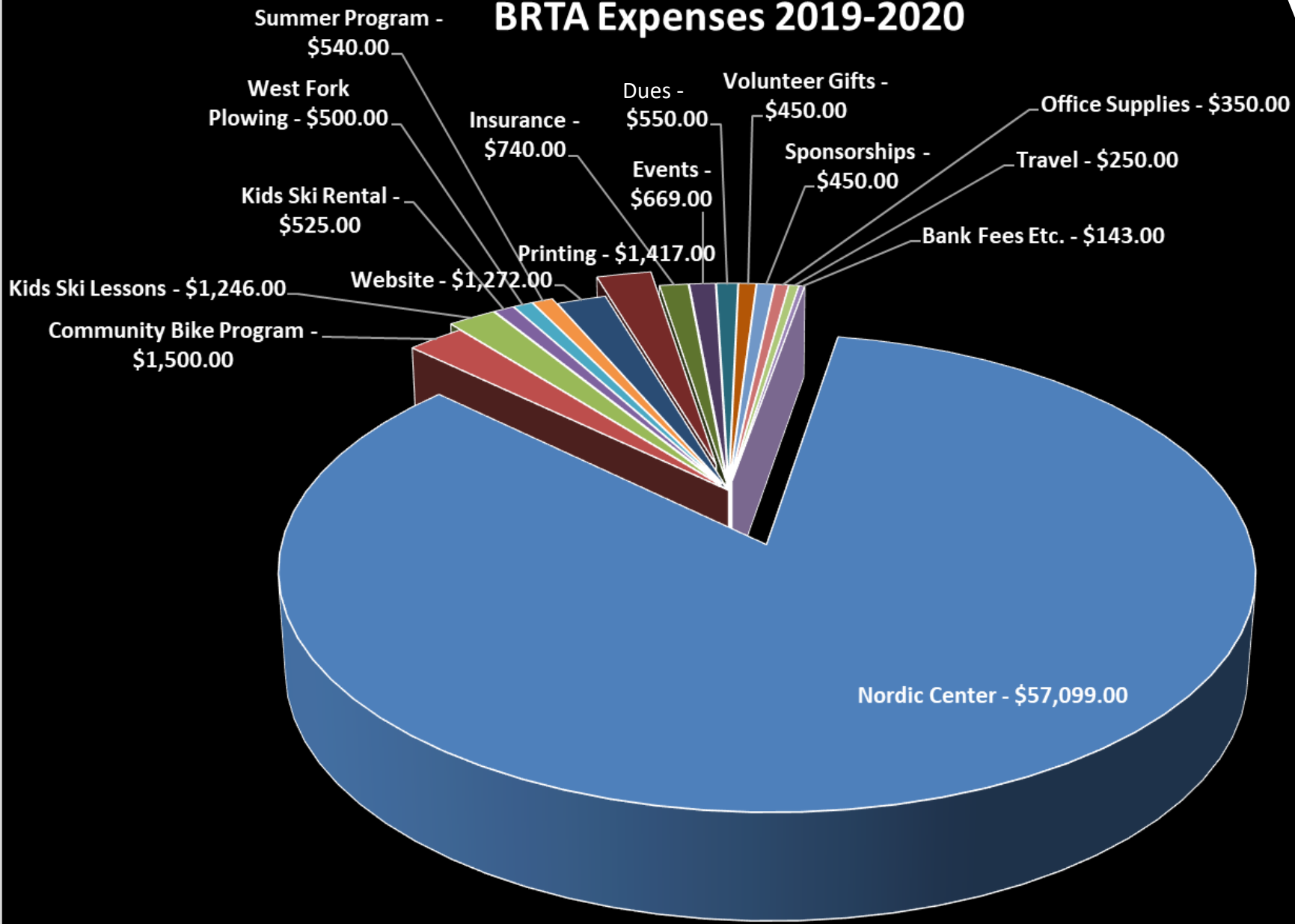
Income \$76,423

Expenses \$67,701

BRTA Income 2019-2020

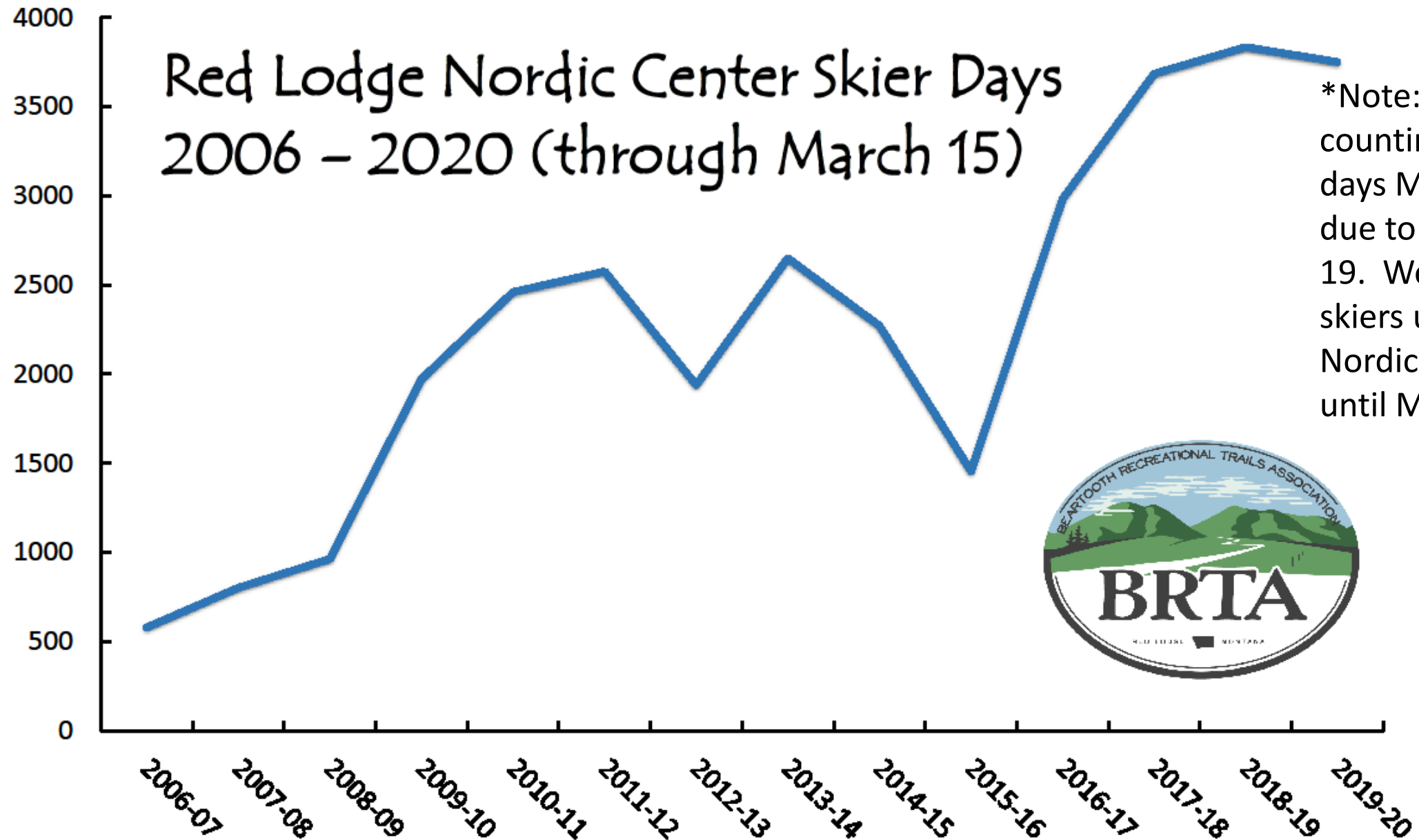


BRTA Expenses 2019-2020



Red Lodge Nordic Center Skier Days 2006 – 2020 (through March 15)

*Note: We quit counting skier days March 15 due to COVID-19. We had skiers using the Nordic Center until March 29



A little about our Board of Directors



Terry Jones, President

I have been an outdoorsman all my life enjoying activities such as mountaineering, hiking, skiing, whitewater rafting/canoeing, mountain biking, horse packing, hunting and nature photography. Before I retired from the local US Forest Service office in Red Lodge, I started assisting with grooming at the Red Lodge Nordic Center. I immediately realized that the folks running the show, the BRTA board of directors, were a great bunch of people and I wanted to help the cause any way that I could. Somehow, I got talked into getting in line to be president of the board, so here I am...



Jennifer Drinkwalter, Vice President

Jennifer's primary work on the board is chairing the winter trails committee, organizing BRTA communications and social media for the marketing committee, Ski Swap and grooming. Life stays busy parenting, working and volunteering but there is always time for outdoor adventures – river, snow or trail. Getting outside is what our family and friends do best together.



William R. Foisy, Treasurer

BRTA Board member since 2011. Served as secretary and currently treasurer. Co-founded BRTA bike rack program and community bicycle program. Responsible for adopt-a-trail program. Former City Council and Parks Board member responsible for City trail activities.



John Clayton, Secretary

As an organization, BRTA is at a fascinating inflection point. After 18 years of building on an incredibly hard-working board and volunteers, last year we hired our first employee, a part-time Nordic Center manager. After initial success developing the Nordic Center, we've expanded to groom the West Fork as well. And after helping the Forest Service build trails, we're eager to work with private landowners to build more trails closer to town.

How does an organization retain its values and strength while expanding its mission (and fundraising!) to meet changing community needs? It takes great, motivated people doing the hard work to create positive vision. One secret to a happy life is recognizing the joy in being part of such a team.



Tom Kohley, Past President

Tom has been involved with BRTA for almost 15 years taking on various positions during his tenure. Red Lodge is his home and he is committed to creating fun new recreational opportunities around the community. In his spare time, Tom enjoys hiking challenging trails, biking buttery single-tracks and paddle boarding frothy rapids.



Marv Keller

After skiing at the Nordic Center for several years, I decided it was time to take a more active role and joined the BRTA Board of Directors. This is my fifth year serving on the Board. Like all Board members, my responsibilities extend beyond the normal board meetings. I administer the RTP Grants and manage the Kids Ski Rentals. The RTP Grants help insure our continuing operations at the Nordic Center and West Fork Road, and our rental program gives families an economical way to partake in winter activities. Both programs were initiated and ably run by other Board members well before my tenure.



Derek Steigemeier

My interest with joining BRTA was kick started when my wife and I first moved back to Red Lodge. Moving from a region with a very well integrated town to mountain trail system I immediately saw the potential that our community had. For the first few years I spent significant time exploring our current network of trails and was impressed with the work that had already been done. When the opportunity came up to join BRTA and help with the mission of creating trail connectivity I saw my opportunity to contribute. BRTA has already created a great legacy of both winter and summer trail stewardship and I'm proud to be among this team focused on creating a better trail experience for our community.



Doug Anderson

I enjoy being an active member of our outdoor community and being a BRTA board member keeps me connected to great activities and wonderful people. The Community Bike Program and Winter Trails committee are my key focus areas along with supporting the Fun Run, Octoberfest, Ski Swap, and a Nordic Center Groomer. See you on the trails!!



Marci Dye

Our family has a vested interest in the Nordic center, definitely. Over 30 years ago, my father and I took it over from Glen Schnell, and ran it until 2001, when we turned the reins over to BRTA. The kids program is my current BRTA project...along with a couple committee members, we organize 80 kids, play games, and teach them to love winter.



Dan Seifert

I'm excited to be on the BRTA board and helping to make our community a better place to live and recreate. I had a great summer biking and hiking local trails constructed in part due to past efforts by BRTA. I enjoyed a great winter of skiing at the nordic center thanks to the many volunteers that keep it operating. I helped organize the annual Backcountry Film Festival showing at the Roman Theater, which was a successful and fun event that we intend to host again next winter. I'm on the summer trails committee and excited to be working on efforts to plan for, construct and improve trails in and around Red Lodge. Starting in 2019 and for 2020, we are working to construct a new section of trail on city and private lands along the west bench. This trail will connect the Beartooth Billings Clinic wellness trail to a small area of city parkland. The summer trails committee is also working to get trail signs installed on existing trails and helping maintain city and Forest Service trails. I hope we will continue to improve our trails and keep BRTA moving into the future as a fun and positive organization.



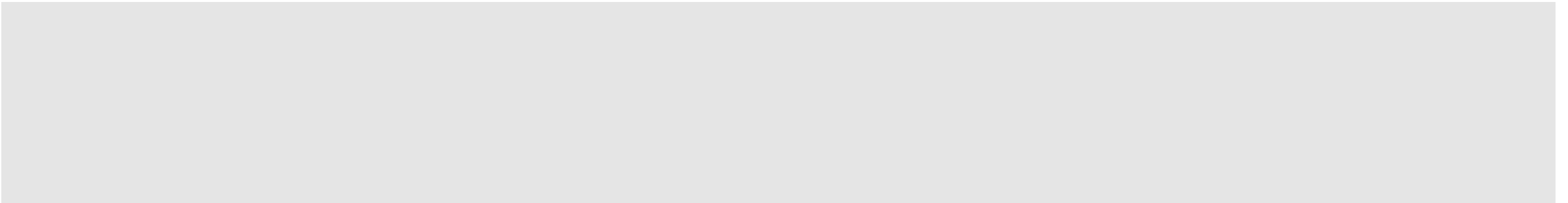
Les Hedquist

I joined BRTA because of the great people that I knew on the board. The quality of the board members has always been inspiring. Hard-working, thoughtful and caring folks committed to improving our outdoor experience in this awesome community amid an incredible mountain environment.

Over the last twelve years, I have been the Winter Trails chairperson, board liaison for the Kids Ski Lesson Program, team-member on the Community Bike Program, been a kids and an adult xc ski instructor, a Nordic Center groomer and generally tried to help anywhere that I could. This has been a hard to beat experience, working with the best people.

**A shout out for our
Outgoing Board Members**

THANK YOU for your years of service.





Bob Matter

Bob has volunteered for the various BRTA fundraisers and worker-bee activities. He has been a groomer, orchestrated the Warming Hut construction, wrote 4 successful RTP Grants, and served as the BRTA treasurer.

Thank you Bob!



Corey Thompson

Corey has been on the BRTA Board of Directors for 10 years. She has worked hard to provide leadership for many of our events. Her favorite thing about working on the board is being able to hangout and work with her BFF's. We think this picture represents her personality well!

Thank you Corey!



Bob Johnson

BRTA Nordic Center Manager of Operations

Bob was on the board of directors since the inception of BRTA in 2001 so he has been instrumental in improving our organization and especially the Nordic Center over the past 19 years. We couldn't operate as smoothly as we do without Bob leading the way. He keeps the volunteer groomers organized, all equipment running and keeps communication running smoothly with the land managers we work with.

Thank you Bob!

HARD WORKING COMMITTEES!

Board members and community volunteers make up our committees; they usually meet monthly and keep us on track to help us meet goals in our strategic plan.

BRTA BIKE PROGRAM

We love getting people on bikes!

BRTA has given 131 to date.

Partners of our bike program include Spoke Wrench and Beartooth Billings Clinic.

Board Leadership provided by Les Hedquist, Doug Anderson and Bill Foisy.





So get out
and ride!

Summer Trails Committee

Focuses on trails in the city, county and on public lands.

Members:

Dan Seifert (co-chair, acting chair)
Tom Kohley (co-chair, on leave during COVID-19)
Jean Atherly
Andrew Baranovic
James Caniglia
John Clayton
Susan Foisy
Derek Stiegemeier (on leave during COVID-19)
Sherry Weamer

have also participated or done work:

Corey Thompson
Jennifer Drinkwalter
Bill Foisy
Neil Matthews-Pennanen
Maggie Karas



Watch for new signage and trail work in Coal Miners Park! Coming this summer in partnership with our grant from America Walks.





We are
dedicated to
building and
maintaining
trails within the
city and on
public lands.

So get out
and hike!





Enjoy the trails!

Winter Trails Committee

Focuses on the Nordic Center,
West Fork skiing and plowing
for trailheads.

Members:

Jennifer Drinkwalter(chair)

Doug Anderson

Eric Dye

Marci Dye

Lee Hauge

Les Hedquist

Bob Johnson

Terry Jones

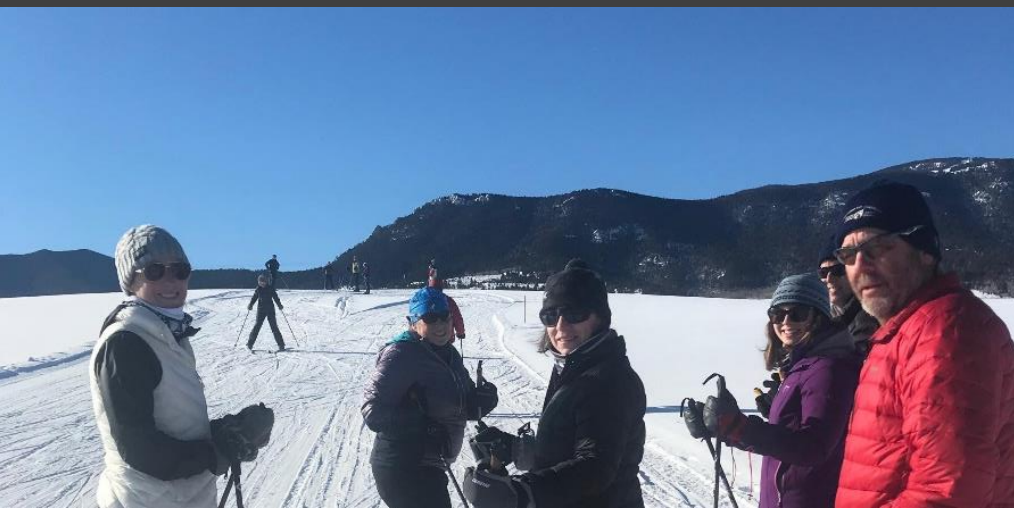
Tom Kohley

Ginger Shenefelt





Get out and
ski!



A few from the Nordic Center



More pics from the Nordic Center

Groomer Appreciation

Without our **volunteer groomers** we couldn't make all of those skier days happen. We are so thankful for this hard working crew.



Thank you Groomers!

Doug Anderson

Jennifer Drinkwalter

Erik Dye

Lee Hauge

Les Hedquist

Rand Herzberg

Bob Johnson

Mary Johnson

Terry Jones

Kathy Kenyon

Tom Kohley

Ray Masters

Bob Matter

Don Redfoot

Mike Thompson



Silver Run Nordic Ski Team

Coach Eric Dye and athletes worked hard this year. We're happy to be able to provide a venue for our local athletes to train hard.







Kid's Nordic Ski & Development Ski Programs

Our nordic ski program is 100% volunteer led. We could not successfully operate this program without them. 78 kids were registered this year! Thank you to the following leaders in our program:

- Amy Hyfield
- Debbie Brewer
- Kristen Hollum
- Amanda Tulip
- Janel Jackson
- Becky Eichelberger
- Saige Okken
- Laura Bailey
- Grant Barnard
- Noah Dye
- Tracy Doll and Kids
- Sherri Nevill
- Eric Dye
- Ginger Shenefelt
- Silver Run Nordic Development Team
- Many high school & middle school volunteers

Trails like this don't just
happen without
communities like ours.
THANK YOU for your time
and donations that help
make this possible!





**Thank you for
attending, supporting
or volunteering at
one of our
fundraising events!**

**Oktoberfest
Ski Swap
X Culinary
Mindbender
Backcountry Film
Festival
Red Lodge Fun Run**

CHEERS TO YOU!

THANK YOU!





Get out there this summer and enjoy the views from the trail.

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